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Remarks

Claims 1-12 and 17-25 are pending in this application.

The Office Action dated November 16, 2006 requires election of a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action states that the application contains claims directed toward the following patentably distinct species: the hook or the loop connecting member and the beam or the loop anchorage member. Applicant would like to elect the species including the hook connecting member and the loop anchorage member. Claims 6, 12, and 22 are readable on the hook connecting member and claim 7 is readable on the loop anchorage member. Applicant respectively submits that claims 1-4, 9, 10, 17-20, and 23-25 are generic.

Favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. The Examiner is welcome to contact the under-signed representative for the Applicant should the Examiner have any questions or should the Examiner like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully submitted,

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